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# HACIENDA LA PUENTE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## **RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF HACIENDA LA PUENTE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT REGARDING THE BOARD'S COMMITMENT TO ENSURE ALL DISTRICT CAMPUSES ARE SAFE ZONES AND SAFE HAVENS**

**WHEREAS**, public schools and school districts in California are subject to all federal and state laws and constitutional provisions prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, transgender status, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, pregnancy status, veteran status, or disability; and

**WHEREAS**, any resident of the state of California who has attained the age of eligibility and is under the age of 21 years is entitled to attend public school in the school district where he or she is a resident; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Supreme Court in *Plyler vs. Doe* (1982) 457 U.S. 202, held that no public school district has a basis to deny children access to education based on their immigration status, citing the harm it would inflict on the child and society itself, and the equal protection rights under the Fourteenth Amendment; and

**WHEREAS**, it is not the mission, purpose or role of the Hacienda La Puente Unified School District to determine the citizenship or immigration status of its students or families; and

**WHEREAS**, Hacienda La Puente Unified School District is committed to creating safe and caring school environments and to ensuring that our schools will foster a culture of trust and respect among all stakeholders; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hacienda La Puente Unified School District promotes a culture of collaboration and teamwork and strives to create an environment in which all stakeholders feel respected, valued and are dedicated to every student's success; and

**WHEREAS**, Hacienda La Puente Unified School District strives to foster its mission of ensuring that every student develops the enduring knowledge, skills and character to thrive in a changing world; and

**WHEREAS**, as outlined in the Hacienda La Puente Unified School District's nondiscrimination policy, the District commits to providing a safe environment where all are treated equally regardless of race, color, ancestry, national origin, ethnic group identification, age, religion, marital or parental status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, or gender expression; and

### ***Vision Statement:***

*The Hacienda La Puente Unified School District is a community committed to developing lifelong learners who value themselves and the diversity of all people; apply decision-making skills leading to responsible actions; and use creativity, critical thinking, and problem solving in meeting the challenges of a changing society*

**WHEREAS**, ensuring that District schools are safe and inviting for all students and their families facilitates the physical safety and emotional well-being of all children in the District, and is paramount to students' ability to thrive academically and socially; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hacienda La Puente Unified School District desires to reaffirm to the community that District schools and classrooms are safe and inclusive places for all students and families.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Hacienda La Puente Unified School District Board of Education publicly affirms that our schools shall be safe, inclusive, supportive, and positive environments and shall provide a sanctuary/safe haven for all students and their families.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that in order to provide a public education, regardless of a child or family's immigration status, absent any applicable federal, state, or local law, regulation, ordinance or court decision, the District shall abide by the following conduct:

1. All students have a right to an education regardless of any differences, including immigration status. The District will continue to advocate for and embrace all students as full members of our school community.
2. District personnel shall treat all students equitably in the receipt of all school services, including but not limited to, free and reduced lunch program, transportation, and educational instruction. Further, the District shall promote learning and protect the safety and well-being of all students consistently and non-discriminatorily as required by law.
3. The District will continue to take any and all actions authorized by law and District policies to provide equal opportunities and safe learning spaces for all of our students.
4. District schools will remain safe and supportive spaces for students and families, free from intimidation, hostility, or violence, including threat of deportation.
5. The District shall not share information that could put a student's security at risk.
6. District teachers, staff, and board members will model the behavior we hope to teach including listening before speaking, seeking mutual understanding, treating one another with respect, communicating honestly, and avoiding inflammatory rhetoric.
7. The District will continue to listen to the needs of all of our students and families by hosting meetings and engaging in conversations so that we can learn from those who are impacted before we assume what actions to take.
8. The District will continue to teach tolerance and inclusion in our schools, set clear and high expectations for how we treat one another, and encourage and equip our educators to address difficult issues concerning race and discrimination.
9. The District will continue to create a sense of belonging for all and aim to foster a broader understanding of our commonalities and differences.

# GOVERNING BOARD OF THE HACIENDA LA PUENTE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cynthia Parulan-Colfer  
Secretary of the Board of Education of the  
Hacienda La Puente Unified School District

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
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